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SABOTAGE IN BULGARIA AND HUNGARY

FIRE DESTROYS BULGARIAN TEXTILE MILL

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On the night of 3-4 April 1952 the largest and most modern Bulgarian textile mill, the "Runo" Textile Mill at Gara Iskur about 10 miles from Sofia was set on fire. The mill employed some 2,100 workers.

The fire broke out in several parts of the buildings at the same time and spread rapidly. The fire trucks from Sofia, which came as quickly as possible, were unable to control the outbreak.

The fire, which lasted 28 hours, completely destroyed the building and all the machines, raw materials, and finished products. Most important, the fire destroyed a large shipment of cotton sent to Bulgaria from the USSR to be processed and later returned to the USSR as finished goods.

In 1950, the fire at the "Georgi Miliv" Glycerine Factory in Gara Iskur was attributed to sabotage by Ugrica, the former Yugoslav Military Attache in Sofia.

The ["Runo"] mill was equipped with the most modern machinery from the textile mills nationalized in 1947 and with recently imported machinery.

Because of the way the fire broke out and spread, it must have been caused by sabotage which was cleverly planned and carried out.

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The Militia arrested many officials and workers to find out who the saboteurs were and to uncover those responsible for storing the whole shipment of Soviet cotton at the "Runo" Textile Mill.

HUNGARIAN WORKERS SABOTAGE PLANTS

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Recent reports from Hungary tell of further acts of sabotage committed by discontented industrial workers. They set fire to and destroyed the Nagyteteny Central Warehouse for oil and fats, a fuel depot of the Panto Enterprise, at Budapest, and the repair shop of the Matyasfold airport. Two huge explosions at Diosgyor destroyed an industrial plant called the "Africa," which produced artillery ammunition. Up to the present, 30 fires and explosions have been recorded.

The entire police force, the Communist brigades, and firemen are constantly on the alert. Hundreds of workers have been arrested.

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